

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have emphasize the perils caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, as recently demonstrated, Sinclair's gross manipulation of the airwaves as a stage for its own political agenda couched as "news," is a prime example of media run amock. When large corporations control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what is needed for democracy.

I urge you to foster support for a return to locally-controlled media instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about real issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.